

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Ed Roberts is often called the father of the Independent Living Movement; and

WHEREAS: The treatment of people with disabilities has advanced considerably in the past half

century, thanks in part to the work of Ed Roberts; and

WHEREAS: The Independent Living Philosophy for people with disabilities is to achieve the same

civil rights and control over choices in their own lives as people without disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Independent living services assist Minnesotans with disabilities and their families in

accessing supports designed for the unique needs of every individual and ensuring equal

access, inclusion, and independence; and

WHEREAS: Ed Roberts' life's work was his activism for disability rights, including expanding access

for students with disabilities at his alma mater, the University of California-Berkley and

becoming co-founder of the World Institute on Disability; and

WHEREAS: The United States House of Representatives recognized January 23, 2011, as Ed Roberts

Day; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of Ed

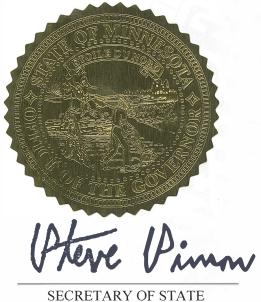
Roberts and the importance of independent living services, which help people with disabilities to be as independent as they can be and create communities that are barrier-

free and welcoming to everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 23, 2018, as:

## ED ROBERTS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this ll<sup>th</sup> day of January.

GOVERNOR